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St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival coming to North Myrtle Beach

The 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival will be held Saturday, March 12, on Main Street in North Myrtle Beach. The parade begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and the festival runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. **Admission is free.** The parade is made up of marching bands, floats, beauty queens, area celebrities and more. Among the marching bands to be featured in the 2011 parade are the Wake District Pipes and

Drums, Ceol na Gael Irish Pipe Band, and the Burlington Teen Tour Marching Band from Canada.

Read more detail at:
www.scnow.com



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Upcoming Myrtle Beach Festivals



**Canadian-American
Days Festival®
March 12 - 20, 2011**



**Sun Fun Festival®
June 3 and 4, 2011**



**Beach Boogie & BBQ
Festival
Sept 3 & 4, 2011**

For more information visit

http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/play/festivals_and_events.html

CHICKWEED IS GROWING OUT OF CONTROL IN COVINGTON LAKE

Scotts® Bonus® S Max Southern Weed And Feed & Fire Ant Killer will kill this weed and will not destroy your Centipede and St. Augustine grasses. You have to kill this weed while the weather is cool. This is a granular product for rotary or broadcast spreaders.

Here are two liquid products that you carefully mix with water to spray and kill chickweed:

Trimec® Southern Broadleaf Herbicide or SpeedZone® Southern Broadleaf Herbicide for Turf . Our Covington landscaper uses both of these liquid products for control.



Keep your Eyes and Ears open to what's happening around you.



Identify naturally-occurring social activities and elevate them to Block Watch activities. Everyday activities like dog-walking, staying-at-home, and taking out the trash become organizing tools for increasing the number of citizens on the alert. A "Window Watcher" project is yet another way to increase community surveillance. Utilize the time and energy of seniors and ask them to keep a watch from their windows at various times. Report anything suspicious to your Block Captain immediately.

Horry County Breaks Ground on New Library and Recreation Center

Located on Carolina Forest Boulevard, in the front of the new Palmetto Adventure Land

Construction on the new Carolina Forest Recreation Center will begin this month and is scheduled to be completed in spring of 2012. The center is budgeted to cost \$4 million. The Carolina Forest Recreation Center will be approximately 21,000 sq. feet and the building will offer a gym with a walking track, two multipurpose meeting rooms, and an exercise room. The open lobby will provide ample space to have games and a rock climbing wall. The facility includes locker rooms and a kitchen. The center will also feature a rain garden in one of the two storm water ponds, which will be coordinated with the Horry County Storm water Department. The Carolina Forest Library will begin construction in March 2011 and will be completed in the spring of 2012. The library is budgeted to cost \$4 million and will have the capacity to hold 80,000 books, DVDs, CDs, Large Type and Audio books. The library will host 26 computer stations for the public as well as a public meeting room and a conference room.



WHAT DO THESE THREE PICTURES HAVE IN COMMON ?

None of these three vehicles or other similar vehicles are permitted to be parked in your driveway. If they do not fit inside of a closed garage, they must be parked outside of Covington Lake Development. You can read all of the covenants, by-laws, and guidelines on our website www.covingtonlakepoa.com



ARC = Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been established to oversee all developments and insure achievement of the objectives of Covington Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.

If you are proposing to build a new home or do any structure change to your ex-

isting home or make any changes or additions to your yard in Covington Lake inc. fences, the approved ARC Review Form *must* accompany all projects.

You can view the design guidelines (that you need to see) if you plan on building or renovating in Covington

Lake. They are on the Covington Lake website.

Prior to any construction start "ALL" construction plans must be submitted for approval to the ARC whether you are doing the work or hiring a contractor.

Construction cannot commence without written approval from the ARC.



What to do first:

If you experience a power outage at your home or business, follow the steps below:

Check your circuit panel or fuse box. If you have circuit breakers, flip the main breaker switch to the "off" position, then back to the "on" position. If you have fuses, check your fuse box and replace

any fuses that have blown.

Check the outside disconnect below your meter (not all buildings have an outside disconnect).

Check with your neighbors to see if they have power.

Call 1-888-769-7688 to report the outage.

Be prepared to give the following information:

Account name and location

Telephone number

Nature of problem (power outage, partial power, dim or flickering lights, etc.)

Any additional information (line down, loud noises, etc.)

When an outage is reported, our employees will respond as soon as possible to restore power to your home or business.

POWER OUTAGES / STORMS

WATER METER OBSTRUCTION



Help Us Avoid Obstructions

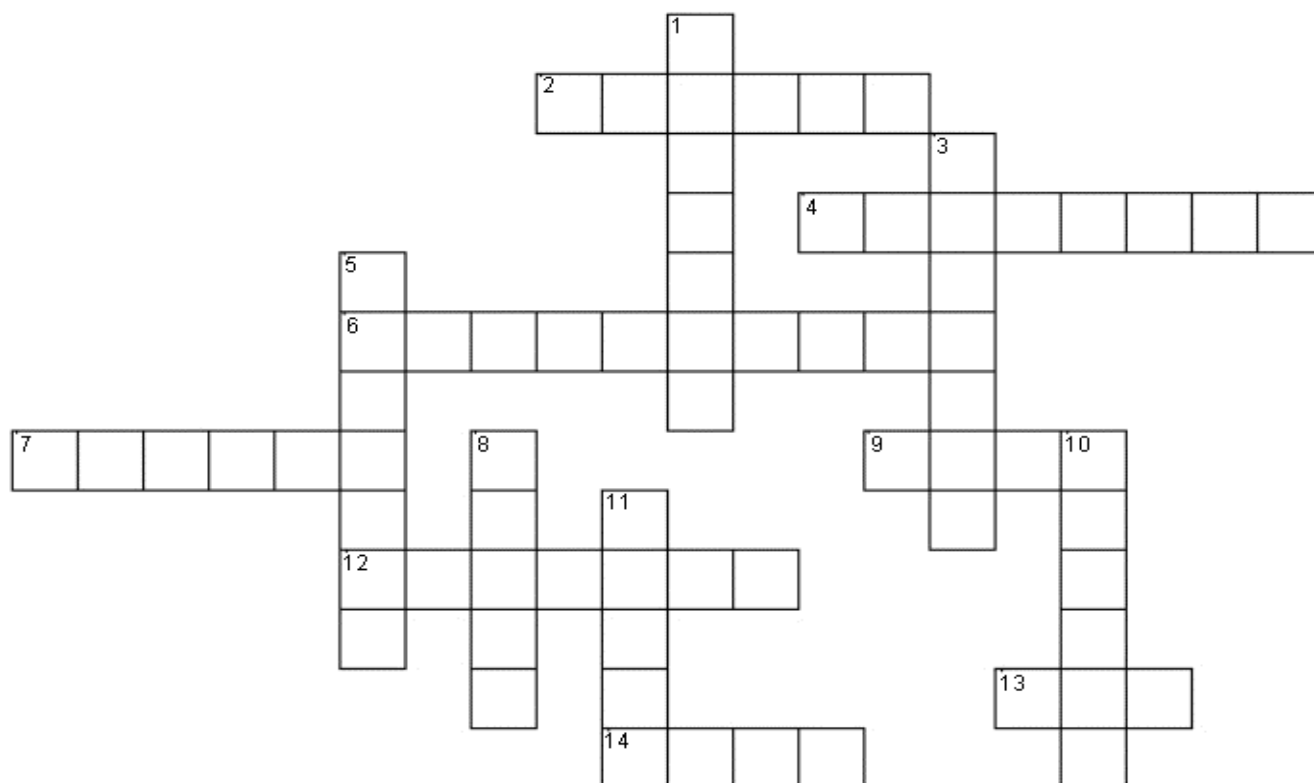
Please limit your landscape area around your water meter box. There needs to be an easy access to your water meter box, to allow GSWA to effectively make repairs and/or take monthly readings. Items such as bushes, trees, shrubs, and other materials that are placed over and/or around water meters can hinder GSWA staff from performing their job. These items also can at-

tract snakes, spiders, rodents, wasp and fire ants that can potentially pose a threat to you as a customer or to GSWA's employees.

Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority requires a three-foot area around each water meter box for clear access.

IMPORTANT: *Never use kerosene, gasoline, or other petroleum based products to get rid of fire ants in your water meter box.*

St. Patrick's Day Crossword



Across

2. Fable claims Saint Patrick drove these out of Ireland.
4. Three leafed clover and symbol of Ireland.
6. The Gaelic translation for this word is shoemaker.
7. Four leafed versions of these are considered lucky.
9. Contents of a leprechaun's pot.
12. A colour of green and also a gemstone.
13. Irish dance
14. Traditional Irish musical instrument.

Down

1. Patron saint of Ireland.
3. Colorful arch in the sky.
5. People kiss this stone for luck.
8. Saint Patrick's Day colour.
10. Capital city of Ireland.
11. Saint Patrick's Day month.



See Page 6 for Word List to this Crossword Puzzle

OUR POOL CONVERSION TO SALT CHLORINATOR—2011

Pool Pilot Digital

TOTAL CONTROL SYSTEM



This will be a most accurate and reliable way to maintain perfectly balanced pool water for residents.

No other salt chlorine system comes packed with features like the AutoPilot Total Control System. Maintaining our pool will never be easier!

- No More Manually Adding Acid into the Pool
- No More Water Chemistry Worries

Salt water is more comfortable for swimmers. Don't be fooled into thinking that there is no chlorine in the pool. There is. However, in a salt water pool vs. a chlorine pool, the level of chlorine needed is lower and the pH level can be a bit higher. That means the pool water

does not cause burning, itching, dry skin, or green hair. It also smells and tastes better. The pool will be less expensive to maintain. A salt water pool vs. chlorine pool is a lot cheaper over time because you do not have to add chlorine tablets to the water.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE APRIL 2009 HORRY COUNTY FIRE



Approximately 20,000 acres burned, approximately 69 homes destroyed and 100 with damage, eight automobiles were destroyed.

How could this have happened here?

An abundance of flammable plants and a flood of new residents are turning parts of Horry County into some of the most vulnerable spots in South Carolina for property damage from forest fires.

High winds, densely built homes, peaty soil and long-burning, waxy vegetation make fire fighting difficult.

What can we do to prevent a fire in Covington Lake? No outdoor burning and removal of noxious weeds and hazardous conditions will help prevent wild fires. A nuisance occurs when there are overgrown, dead, dry, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, weeds, and other vegetation, brush or weeds likely to harbor vectors or cause a fire hazard to adjacent or nearby property. Lets all make an effort to get our property's cleaned up this spring—remember no burning.

COVENANTS—ARTICLE II / GARBAGE DISPOSAL & RECEPTACLES



SECTION 13. Each Lot Owner shall provide garbage receptacles or similar facilities in accordance with reasonable standards established by the Association which shall be visible-from the streets on garbage pickup days only.

SECTION 16. All garbage receptacles must be stored and maintained in an area which is screened from public view. A trash receptacle may be taken to the street for trash pickup no more than 24 hours before the pickup date and returned no more than 24

hours after the pickup date.

SIMPLE DEFINITION

1. You need to have a receptacle for your garbage when it is taken to the street. Putting plastic bags at the street for animals to rip open is not acceptable.
2. You must not store garbage receptacles where they are visible to the public. Either store in the garage or use an enclosure on the side or rear of your property.



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Property Owner
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We're on the Web!
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**WORD LIST FOR CROSSWORD
PUZZLE ON PAGE 5**

**BLARNEY, CLOVER, DUBLIN,
EMERALD, GOLD, GREEN, HARP,
JIG, LEPRECHAUN, MARCH,
PATRICK, RAINBOW, SHAM-
ROCK, SNAKES**

Residents of Covington Lake can publish classified advertisements online for free. The Board of Directors has provided this service free of charge for anyone who is interested in taking advantage of it. Please be aware that classified advertisements are subject to screening by a member of the Property Owners Association and may not be immediately posted once you have submitted it. Most classifieds will be posted within a week of approval. The Property Owners Association does not endorse any specific product or service offered on this page and is not responsible for the accuracy of the advertisement described. Only Covington Lake residents are allowed to take advantage of this free service.

GO TO:

<http://www.covingtonlakepoa.com/classifieds/>

SPEED HUMPS IN COVINGTON LAKE—WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ?



Does this scenario sound familiar to anybody?

Resident Watch: Speeding vehicles worrisome on residential streets

Three small children rode tricycles on the sidewalk and two joggers were in the street on a recent afternoon as a woman in a red car sped by, traveling at least 40 mph on Covington Dr.

Even though the speed limit on the residential street is 15 & 20 mph, most motorists drive much faster, said Dave, who lives nearby. "They fly down here," Dave said.

Dave has called his County Council office three times asking for speed humps, but he hasn't received any help with his concerns that there is going to be a tragic accident on the street one of these days. The Horry County Police only have one patrol car in all of Carolina Forest so asking to have radar set-up in Covington Lake is almost impossible.

"The kids are out here playing, and I don't want to see them get hurt if a car

loses control," Dave said. But there doesn't appear to be any easy remedy.

Even if residents want speed humps, the County doesn't have much budget to pay for them. The County will conduct a study to determine if speeding is a public-safety issue and whether the addition of the humps would hinder emergency-response vehicles.

If you have concerns about speeding on your street, call the Horry County Police non-emergency 918-1300 days And 918-1382 after hours.

Should we consider installing speed humps in Covington Lake?
We would like to hear your opinion at
opinion@covingtonlakepoa.com